

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

CITY OF LOWELL

In City Council

VOTE

Authorizing the City Manager on behalf of the City of Lowell to request approval pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 121B §48 and 760 CMR 12 that requires the City of Lowell undergo a process to extend the Jackson/Appleton/Middlesex Urban Revitalization (“JAM”) Plan for an additional ten years.

The JAM Plan was approved and accepted by the City Council by Vote dated March 28, 2000, which Plan was further approved by the Department of Housing and Community Development of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts on November 2, 2000; and

A “Notice of Approval of the Plan and Declaration of Restrictions” was duly recorded with Middlesex North District Registry of Deeds on June 7, 2002 in Book 13182, Page 249; and

In November of 2020 the Jackson/Appleton/Middlesex Urban Revitalization (“JAM”) Plan will expire; and

The City desires to extend the plan for an additional ten years;

Pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 121B §48 and 760 CMR 12 requires that the City of Lowell undergo a process to extend the Jackson/Appleton/Middlesex Urban Revitalization (“JAM”) Plan for an additional ten years.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT VOTED:

Pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws Ch. 121B and the Code of Massachusetts Regulations 760 CMR 12 the City Council hereby approves the extension of the Jackson/Appleton/Middlesex Urban Revitalization (“JAM”) Plan for an additional ten years.

BE IT FURTHER VOTED:

That the City Manager be and is hereby authorized, in the name of the City of Lowell, to submit a request for approval of the aforementioned extension of the plan for an additional ten years to DHCD and to execute any documents as may be necessary in connection therewith.

Eileen M. Donoghue
City Manager

Kara Keefe Mullin
Assistant City Manager

September 22, 2020

Mayor John J. Leahy
and
Members of the City Council

REFERENCE: Extension of JAM Plan

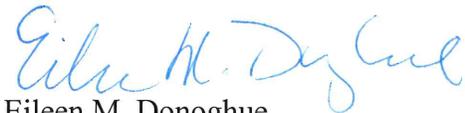
Dear Mayor Leahy and Members of the City Council:

Over the past 20 years, the City of Lowell has made significant progress in implementing the Jackson/Appleton/Middlesex Urban Revitalization and Development Urban Renewal Plan (JAM Plan). This plan has helped to spur redevelopment in the JAM neighborhood, turning a once blighted area into a reinvigorated and dynamic area for the City. To date, significant milestones such as construction of the new Justice Center, the creation of the Hamilton Canal Innovation District and construction of the Edward Early Jr. Garage has been implemented in accordance with the vision set forth from its inception in 2000. The JAM Plan was approved for 20 years and will expire in November 2020.

The Department of Planning and Development would like to extend the JAM Plan, with the City Council's approval, for a period of 10 years to re-engage stakeholders and develop any necessary changes to meet the current needs of the residents, businesses and property owners as well as the University of Massachusetts Lowell, who has a far more significant presence in the neighborhood at 110 Canal than they did 20 years ago.

I respectfully request that the Council vote to extend the JAM Plan for a period of 10 years. The Law Department has prepared the necessary vote.

Sincerely,



Eileen M. Donoghue
City Manager

EMD/ns

Attachment

cc: Diane N. Tradd, Assistant City Manager/DPD Director
Christine P. O'Connor, City Solicitor
Joseph Giniewicz, Urban Renewal Project Manager